



Wilshire
BAPTIST CHURCH

May 31, 2026
Trinity Sunday

Preparing for worship

Summer's here! For many of us, maybe most of us, that means travel. The beach, the mountains, amusement parks, big cities, quiet country, traveling to see family, etc. Each of these requires a journey.

Have you ever thought of worship as a journey? Prelude, call to worship, Scripture reading, hymns, sermon. We speak, we pray, we sing, we listen. We journey through the order we're given. We journey together as many who have become one.

God joins us on this journey. We begin with a call to worship in order to acknowledge that our journeys are never alone. The God we worship joins us as we engage each element of worship. God joins us and binds us together as one body as we sing, pray, speak and listen. Never on our own. Never alone.

We are here this morning not as scattered individuals, but as a congregation. Drawn to this place by a community that cares, loves, supports and worships — together.

When I was growing up, we were often told the stories of farmers back in the day who needed to build a barn. Their enterprise was growing, and they needed either a first barn or an additional one. But the individual farmer could

never build a barn by themselves. It was simply too big a job. So all the neighbors would gather when needed and build barns, even though they were competitors when it came time to sell their harvest. They called it a “barn raising.” Barn raisings were ubiquitous in those days because these farm families realized they needed each other. And the barn raising was only one manifestation of how they functioned as community. It might also mean caring for someone else's fields or their harvest when illness struck. They understood there was a common good, that they needed each other, that they were better together.

Scientists tell us we're actually biologically wired to need each other. It's a human trait.

And it's what draws us to this place each Sunday to gather and do what we can't quite do by ourselves. We worship. We come together as many and become one as we sing, pray, speak and listen. Let's build a barn of worship this morning as we sing, as we pray, as we speak, and as we listen — together with each other and together with the Creator of the universe who joins us in this place.

—Charlie Fuller



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Building a Community of Faith Shaped by the Spirit of Jesus Christ
Cooperative Baptist Fellowship | Association of Welcoming and Affirming Baptists

We acknowledge that this land where we gather once held the sacred voices of Indigenous peoples and bore the suffering of the enslaved.

On the cover: *Trinity*, Kelly Latimore, 2016.

May 31, 2026
11:00 a.m.
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Chiming of the Hour

We gather in community this morning to worship God.
To help center our focus in worship, please silence all electronic devices.

Welcome to Worshipers

Charlie Fuller

Prelude

Menuet gothique from Suite gothique, Op. 25

Léon Boëllmann

+Congregational Song

Holy, Holy, Holy
No. 1
Stanzas 1–3

NICAEA

+Call to Worship

Abigail Dyer

One: Eternal One, Incarnate Word, Abiding Spirit,
your voice calls to us

All: **in the loud crack of thunder in the midst of a storm,
in the chirping birdsong of early morning,
in the roar of traffic and the quiet footfall on a forest path.**

One: You call to us in dreams and visions,

All: **in the voices of our neighbors,
in the silent whispers of our hearts.**

One: You call us here to remember your holy Word,
and to celebrate the love of Jesus,

All: **who gave his life and calls us to follow him
for the healing of the world.**
Amen.

+Response in Song

Holy, Holy, Holy

NICAEA

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!**

+All congregants are invited to stand in body or spirit.
Hearing devices are available in the Narthex and South Atrium.

O LORD, our Sovereign,
 how majestic is your name in all the earth!
 You have set your glory above the heavens.
 Out of the mouths of babes and infants
 you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,
 to silence the enemy and the avenger.
 When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
 the moon and the stars that you have established;
 what are humans that you are mindful of them,
 mortals that you care for them?
 Yet you have made them a little lower than God
 and crowned them with glory and honor.
 You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;
 you have put all things under their feet,
 all sheep and oxen,
 and also the beasts of the field,
 the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
 whatever passes along the paths of the seas.
 O LORD, our Sovereign,
 how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Offertory

Beautiful Savior

arr. Thomas Keesecker

+Gospel Reading — Matthew 28:16–20

Henry Roden

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus told them to go. When they saw him, they worshipped him, but some doubted. Jesus came near and spoke to them, “I’ve received all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything that I’ve commanded you. Look, I myself will be with you every day until the end of this present age.”

For the Word of God in Scripture,
 For the Word of God among us,
 And for the Word of God within us,
Thanks be to God!

+Congregational Song

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending
 No. 671

BEACH SPRING

Message

“... But Some Doubted”

Timothy Peoples

Anthem

Be Still and Know
Sanctuary Choir

Tom Fettle

Be still and know our living God.
Be still and know that God is holy.
Be still O restless soul of mine
Bow before the Prince of Peace,
Let the noise and clamor cease.

Be still and know our living God.
Be still and know that God is faithful.
Consider all that God has done,
Stand in awe and be amazed
And know our God will never change.

Be still.
Be still and know our living God.
Be still, be speechless.

Be still and know our living God.
Be still and know the source of love.
Come, rest your head upon God's breast,
Listen to the rhythm of God's unfailing heart of love;
Beating for the little ones,
Calling each of us to come.
Be still, be still. Be still.

Prayers of the People

Julie Girards

Silence

We pause in silence to reflect and to be attentive to the Spirit of God.

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins,
As we forgive those who sin against us;
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever. Amen.**

+Congregational Song

Go to the World!
No. 481

SINE NOMINE

We welcome into the life of the church Jake Hayes Willson, son of Megan and Luke Willson. Present for today's dedication are grandparents Shellie and Hank Thompson; grandparents Andrea and Gary Willson; aunt and uncle Melinda and Grayson Orr; uncle Logan Willson; and great-grandparents Stan and Carolyn Wilkes. Great-grandparents Mack and Barbara McGuckin are joining via livestream. The Willsons are grateful to be supported in person and online by many other family members and friends who are family.

Recognition of Charlie Fuller

Sharing of Decisions

Timothy Peoples

Benediction

Timothy Peoples

Postlude

Improvisations on themes from the day

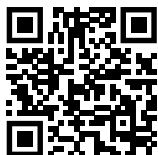
Jeff Brummel

Meet today's worship leaders

Abigail Dyer joined Wilshire in 2024 and is married to John Dyer. Abigail is a member of Ithaka Class, volunteered for Listen to Your Art! camp and has done design work for Wilshire, including last year's Advent graphics. She works as a graphic designer for Aon.

Henry Roden grew up at Wilshire. His parents are Rob and Michelle Roden, and his sister is Emma. Henry attends the Intersection Sunday School Class and works at PwC as a senior associate in the area of cybersecurity.

Rick Hibbs and his wife, Susan, joined Wilshire in 2007. They have two young adult sons, Wesley and John. Rick is a deacon, director of Concordia Class and serves as chair of the Pathways to Ministry Committee. Professionally, he is director of licensing for MCR Hotels.



We're glad you're here. If you're a guest today and would like to let us know, please scan the QR code with your smartphone camera to access our online response card. You can also scan the code to make a financial contribution or submit a prayer request. Response cards and offering envelopes are available in the pew racks and can be placed in the offering plate or offering boxes.

Staff contacts

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- Barbara Clayton, Pastoral Care Assistant (3125)
- Linda Garner, Parish Nurse (3151)
- Carolyn Murray, Coordinator of Congregational Life (3170)
- Katie Murray, Minister of Pastoral Care and to Senior Adults (3129)

Finance

- Shaffon McCrae, Director of Finance (3131)

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- Haley Garcia, Food Service Director (3117)
- Wilfredo Velasquez-Cruz, Steward

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- Maricela Escutia, Facilities Supervisor
- Holly Irvin, Director of Hospitality (3150)
- Daniel Latin, Facilities
- Leticia Medina, Facilities
- Rachel Oney, Receptionist (3165)
- Kevin Sierra, Facilities
- Leticia Vega, Facilities

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- Abbey Adcox, Missions and Advocacy Coordinator (3127)
- Heather Mustain, Associate Pastor (3110)

Music and Worship

- Jeff Brummel, Associate Minister of Music/Organist (3122)
- Carol Cabaniss, Music and Worship Coordinator (3106)
- Shana Gaines, Wilshire Winds Director (3163)
- Ralph Manuel, Handbell Coordinator (3161)
- Candy McComb, Children's Choir Coordinator (3124)
- Ariel Merivil, Minister of Music (3135)

Operations and Technology

- Rene Altamirano, Maintenance Technician
- Bryant Greer, Building Operations Manager (3146)
- Jim Tapley, Audio and Video Coordinator

Pathways to Ministry

- Charlie Fuller, Pathways to Ministry Director and Coach in Residence (3123)
- Amanda Hines, Pastoral Resident (3154)
- George Mason, Senior Pastor Emeritus and Pathways to Ministry Alumni Director (3133)
- Jordann McMahan, Pastoral Resident (3155)

Senior Pastor

- Chelsea Hopkins, Executive Assistant (3132)
- Timothy Peoples, Senior Pastor (3132)

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- Kelly Akins, Minister to Preschoolers (3139)
- Darren DeMent, Associate Pastor (3102)
- Julie Girards, Minister to Children (3104)
- Carole McClung, Spiritual Formation Ministry Assistant (3130)
- Katie Murray, Minister of Pastoral Care and to Senior Adults (3129)
- Barbara Peterson, Librarian (3114)

Tapestry



News & Announcements
May 31, 2026

New members

Sandy and Doug Washington
Lindsey Washington
Janina Washington

Charlie Fuller recognition today



Charlie Fuller will be recognized during worship today as he retires from his role as director of Wilshire's Pathways to Ministry program. After worship there will be a reception for Charlie and his wife, Cindy, in James Gallery. Charlie first came to Wilshire as interim minister to music in 2023 and assumed the Pathways director role in 2024. The Fullers will remain at Wilshire, and Charlie will continue offering free coaching services to Wilshire members.

Blood Drive this morning

Carter Blood Care will hold a blood drive at Wilshire today from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Their bus will be located on Ravendale Lane. Parish Nurse Linda Garner said, "Since the pandemic, our blood drives have been on Wednesdays. I hope having it on Sunday allows for greater participation, as blood supplies are quite low." Walk-ins are welcome.



Welcome, summer interns

Four college students are serving internships at Wilshire this summer. Left to right, above: **Haidynn Cordell** is a rising senior at Stockton University in New Jersey, where she studies political science with a pre-law concentration. Haidynn, who is a niece to Wilshire member Laura Cordell, will work in preschool ministry. **Felix Guthrie** is a rising sophomore at the University of Texas at Austin, where he is studying education. He will work this summer in children's ministry. **Audrey Pottkotter** returns for her third summer as music intern. She is a rising senior at Oklahoma City University, where she is pursuing a bachelor of music in musical theater. **Evelyn Wilson** is a rising junior at the University of Texas at Austin, where she is a social work major. Evelyn will work with Darren DeMent and Katie Murray in the area of spiritual formation.

Summer break for 9 a.m. service

Wilshire's 9 a.m. contemplative service in McIver Chapel will meet today, May 31, and then take a summer hiatus until Aug. 16.



Sundays: Chapel Worship, 9 a.m. Sanctuary Worship, 11 a.m. Sunday School for all ages, 9:45 a.m. Our 11 a.m. service livestreams at [youtube.com/wilshirebaptist](https://www.youtube.com/wilshirebaptist). Keep up with Wilshire by subscribing to our YouTube channel and following us on Facebook and Instagram.

DREAMING SHARING BECOMING CELEBRATING 75 YEARS



Anniversary Weekend: New details

Saturday, June 13

Homecoming Celebration

■ **4:45–7:30 p.m.** | Catch up with friends, explore the building and browse history displays. Start in James Gallery and follow the suggested route — or not! Volunteers will be on hand to guide you. Refreshments will be available in Community Hall.

■ **6–6:30 p.m.** | Join us in the Sanctuary to hear reflections and remembrances from our oldest to newest members. This time of stories, laughter and meaning making will be moderated by Jake Hall, pastoral residency alum.

■ **7–10 p.m.** | Come-and-go fellowship at Times Ten Cellars. Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be provided. *6324 Prospect Ave.*

Sunday, June 14

Worship Celebration

■ **11 a.m.** | Our special 75-minute worship service in the Sanctuary will include a message by **Rev. Kelly Brown Douglas**, canon theologian at Washington National Cathedral. Youth Choir, fresh from tour, will sing, combining with Sanctuary Choir on some pieces. (Sunday School will meet at 9:45 as usual.)

Vintage videos on YouTube

As part of our anniversary celebration, several videos from past decades have been added to our YouTube channel. Our 35th anniversary service from 1986 is available to watch now, and several music-related videos will be published soon. If you're not on social media, you can visit YouTube to see other anniversary videos you may have missed.

This Week in Wilshire History



June 1, 1971. New playground equipment and fencing were donated by Ed and Dot Laux and Mr. and Mrs. W.D. Knox.

June 2, 1991. Wilshire voted to ordain women and divorced persons as deacons.

June 2, 2014. Katie Murray began as Christian advocacy specialist in a CBF-funded pilot program.



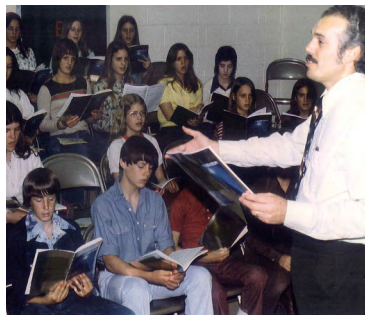
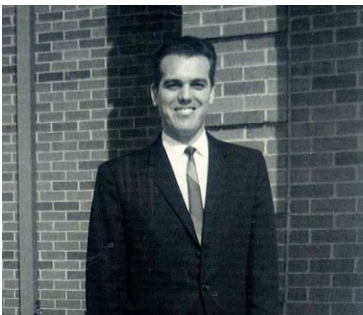
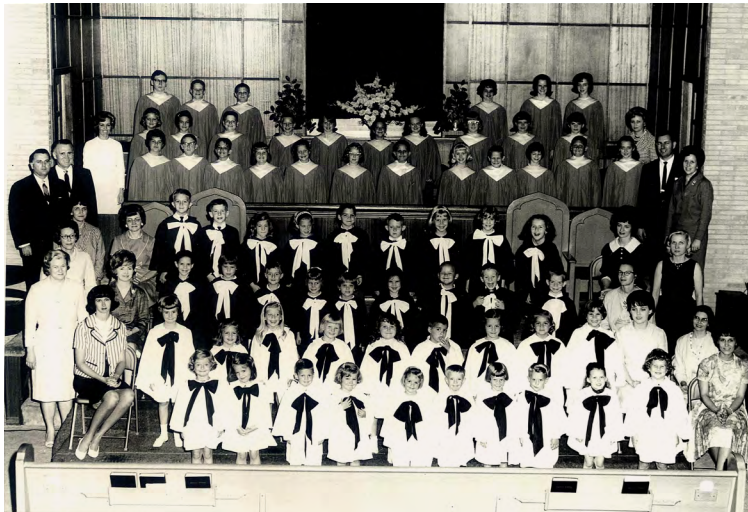
June 3, 2023. Wilshire had an official presence at Dallas Pride for the first time.

June 5, 1966. Wilshire dedicated its new Sanctuary.

June 6, 2021. Indoor worship resumed after COVID-19 closure.



Since Wilshire's first worship service in 1951 opened with the singing of the Doxology, music has been at the heart of our life together as generations of preschoolers, children, youth and adults have lifted their voices in song. Rooted in tradition yet open to fresh expression, Wilshire's music ministry has defined our worship and drawn us closer to God and each other.



Music ministry key dates

June 19, 1951. Al Brady was named music director.

June 24, 1951. Wilshire's first public service, held at the Wilshire Theater, began with the singing of the Doxology.

1954-1955. N.W. Alexander served as music director.

1954. The chapel organ was gifted by the M.V. Wright family.

Jan 30, 1955. David Taylor became our first official music minister. Choir practice moved from Tuesday to Wednesday night, and Youth Choir began.

Jan 18, 1959. Bill O'Brien was called as Wilshire's first full-time minister of music.

Feb. 19, 1962. Dan Pratt began as minister of music.

June 14, 1964. Verl Capps was called as minister of music. He and his wife, Helen, established the children's choir program.

Aug 10, 1966. Bill James was called as minister of music.

Jan 1971. Handbell choirs were started after the donation of three octaves of handbells.



1982. Wilshire Winds began.

1996. James Gallery was named to mark Bill's 30th anniversary.

Dec. 12, 1999. Wilshire named Bill James minister of music emeritus upon his retirement.

Nov. 15, 2000. Bob Brooks, a former music associate, was called as minister of music.

May 19, 2004. Doug Haney began his 19-year stint as minister of music.

2004. The Sanctuary organ was rebuilt and expanded by the Schantz Organ Company.

2004. Brad Jernberg became Wilshire's first music resident.

2005. New Song Community Choir began as Wilshire's senior adult choir.

April 24, 2006. Jeff Brummel started as organist.

2006. Sarah Stafford led the first Summer kids' MusiCamp.

2009. A new music suite was created on the second and third floors.

2013. Doug Haney established the choral scholar program.

2023. Wilshire Student Ministry "songs from the basement" became a regular part of worship.

Dec. 17, 2023. Ariel Merivil was called as minister of music.

March 23, 2025. Associate Pastor Darren DeMent led the first Songwriter Vespers.



WSM parent session today



Youth parents are invited to join Darren DeMent in the Youth Center today for lunch and a walkthrough of the Wilshire Student Ministry summer calendar. This will be particularly helpful for families entering their first summer with WSM. Summer is the busiest and best time of year for WSM, with Youth Camp plus weekly opportunities for fellowship, service, spiritual formation and building relationships. No RSVP needed.

New Song concert Wednesday



New Song Community Choir, directed by Sarah Stafford, will present a concert at Wilshire on Wednesday, June 3, at 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Then Sings My Soul is the theme for the program, which will include sacred and secular favorites. New Song is based at Wilshire but includes singers from many churches and denominations. The Wilshire Adventurers will host a reception in James Gallery following the program.

Summer college class

A summer Sunday School class for college students will meet through Aug. 9 in Room 2202. Trey Wilson is teaching. All college students are welcome, whether they're around all summer or can only pop in a few times.

Serve with our mission partners



To see how you can serve alongside other Wilshire members with one of our mission or advocacy partners, scan the QR code or visit wilshirebc.org/serve.



Vacation Bible School Monday–Thursday June 15–18, 9 a.m.–noon

As kids learn and create at VBS, they'll connect with Jesus, build meaningful relationships and follow his example of welcoming all. For older preschoolers (age 3 by Sept. 1, 2025) through completed fifth graders. Free. Advance registration ends June 7. Walk-ins



will be accommodated as space allows. No Friday VBS due to the Juneteenth holiday. Register at wilshirebc.org/events/vbs or scan the QR code.

VBS volunteer meeting today

A training session for VBS volunteers will be held today, May 31, over lunch in rooms 1205-G and 1205-L. Feel free to come even if you haven't yet signed up to volunteer; more help is always welcome.

Monthly service opportunities

■ A Wilshire group serves the fourth Friday morning each month at the **Vickery Meadow Youth Development Foundation Mobile Food Pantry**. Contact: Charlie Estee (cesteedallas@gmail.com)

■ Wilshire volunteers serve as food pantry assistants at the **Wilkinson Center** the third Tuesday afternoon each month. Contact: Cindy Estee (cesteedallas@aol.com)

■ Wilshire volunteers serve lunch at the **Stewpot** the second Thursday every month. Contact: David Cossum (dc@cossum.com)

Men's Book Club

Tuesday, June 16 | 7 p.m. | Parlor | *Death Comes for the Archbishop* by Willa Cather. Contact: Scott Spreier (swspreier@gmail.com) or Mike Meripolski (meripolski@att.net)

Save the date for Winds concert

Wilshire Winds will present a concert on Sunday, June 28, at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. *American Voices* is the theme for the program, which will explore the foundational promise of America through music reflecting the diverse journeys and struggles of its people. Shana Gaines directs the volunteer group of woodwind, brass and percussion players.

Special guest for parents and teachers Aug. 8 and 9



Wired for Wonder: Helping Children Grow in Faith, Connection and Wholeness will be the theme when Wilshire welcomes Harrison Litzell on Aug. 8 and 9. A children's ministry expert, Litzell helps churches engage with issues of inclusion, childhood spirituality and neurodiversity through his work at Mercer University's Baugh Center for Baptist Leadership. On Saturday, Aug. 8, Litzell will meet with parents from 6 to 9 p.m. at the home of Gail and Steve Brookshire. Heavy hors d'oeuvres, drinks and dessert will be served. On Sunday, Aug. 9, Litzell will offer a teacher training from noon to 2:30 p.m. with lunch provided. Childcare will be available for both events. Register at wilshirebc.org/events/litzell.

Women of Wilshire book clubs

■ **Brown Bag Book Club** | Thursday, June 4 | Noon | 1205-L | *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi. Contact: Carolyn Murray (cmurray@wilshirebc.org)

■ **Tuesday Evening Book Club** | June 9 | 6:30 p.m. | 1205-G | *Nothing Daunted* by Dorothy Wickenden. Contact: Debby Burton (debbyb0929@gmail.com)

2026
Summer

CHILDREN & PRESCHOOL

Camps are starting to fill up! Find all the details and registration links at WILSHIREBC.ORG/SUMMER-CAMPS



THANK YOU FOR GIVING

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ONLINE. Set up a recurring or one-time gift charged to your debit or credit card or as an ACH from your checking account. Get started at wilshirebc.org/give.

REALM CONNECT APP. Easily make gifts and see past giving on your mobile device. Available at your device's app store. Find download links at wilshirebc.org/realms.

AUTOMATIC BANK PAY. Visit your bank's website and set up Wilshire as a payee. The bank will send the church a check.

MAIL. Send to Finance Director Shaffon McCrae's attention at Wilshire.

TEXT. Text WILSHIRE and a dollar amount (ex: WILSHIRE 50) to 73256.

DONATE STOCKS. Contact Shaffon to learn how to donate appreciated stocks.

FROM YOUR IRA. For those over 70.5 years old, tax-free IRA gifts offer a financial benefit and may reduce future tax burdens.



Scan code with your smartphone camera to make an electronic contribution.

At Wilshire, we use a one-fund approach to giving called the Unified Budget. Your gifts support the basic mission, ministry and operations of the church. Once the Unified Budget is fulfilled, gifts overflow into visionary aspects of our mission.

This Week

Sunday, May 31

- Blood Drive, Porte cochere, 9 a.m.
- Worship Service, McIver Chapel, 9 a.m.
- Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
- Worship Service, Sanctuary, 11 a.m.
- Youth Choir Snack Lunch, Youth Center, noon
- Charlie Fuller Retirement Reception, James Gallery, noon
- VBS Volunteers, 1205-G & 1205-L, noon
- 75th Anniversary Volunteer Training, Community Hall, noon
- WSM Parent Meeting, Youth Center, noon
- Youth Choir, Choral Hall, 12:30 p.m.
- Shekinah, Choral Hall, 1:30 p.m.
- WSM Summer Cookout, DeMent home, 5 p.m.
- Sanctuary Choir Luau, Candy McComb/Vic Henry home, 5:30 p.m.

Monday, June 1

- Youth Choir, Choral Hall, 9:30 a.m.
- Wilshire Winds, Choral Hall, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, June 2

- Youth Choir, Choral Hall, 9:30 a.m.
- Stephen Ministry CE/Supervision, 1205-G & 1205-L, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, June 3

- New Song Concert, Sanctuary, 1 p.m.
- 75th Anniversary Volunteer Training, Community Hall, 6 p.m.
- WSM Study-n-Swim, Henry home, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 4

- WOW Brown Bag Book Club, 1205-L, noon
- Knit Unto Others, Parlor, 1:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 6

- Youth Choir Mission Tour begins
- Nova, Sanctuary, 9:30 a.m.



BLOOD Drive



Receive a Beach Towel*

Mabel from Richardson, TX
Blood Recipient

Sunday, May 31, 2026
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Wilshire Baptist Church
Carter BloodCare Bus
4316 Abrams
Dallas, TX 75214

Schedule an appointment



CarterBloodCare.org
800-366-2834 | Text CBCDonate to 999-777

*While supplies last. Appreciation gifts may be substituted for a different gift.

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Barbara Floyd

What brought you to Wilshire and when?

After graduating from Oklahoma State University, two girlfriends and I came to Dallas to work for the summer. After visiting several churches, we joined Wilshire; it was integrated, just as our college church in Stillwater was. In the '60s in Texas, this was unusual.

Who was pastor when you joined?

Bruce McIver was pastor, Bob Feather was educational director and Bill O'Brien was minister of music.

What was the building like when you joined?

McIver Chapel was the sanctuary and was considerably larger, with a choir loft and balcony, and it faced the opposite direction.

What ministries or staff members have impacted your life?

I joined singles Sunday School, sang in the choir and worked in junior high training union with Wayne and Betty Woodring. When summer was over, we returned to Oklahoma. A few months later, Wilshire called me to be youth director. In the '60s, women were not ministers. I was responsible for junior high, high school, college and single adults. The youth were from five different junior high and high schools. The college students were from Baylor Nursing and SMU as well as Wilshire's returning college students. The singles grew to three departments. I served for two-and-a-half years. Bill O'Brien had a big



impact on Wilshire for missions. He and his wife, Dellanna, were called to the mission field from Wilshire, and our church became more committed to mission endeavors. I worked with Bob Feather at both Wilshire and Park Cities Baptist. Bob married Don and me, and George Mason baptized our daughter, Meredith. George, Bruce and Bob Feather married Meredith and Matt. George also baptized our granddaughter, Parker.

Why have you stayed so long?

When Don and I married in 1972, I joined Wilshire again, as he was being ordained as a deacon. I had been serving on staff at Park Cities, and we loved both churches; it was a difficult decision. The decision was right for us. Don served as chair of deacons. We have both served on several committees, taught Sunday School in several age groups and made lasting friendships with several generations of many wonderful families. Now three generations of our family are Wilshire members.